

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING
December 22, 2020**

PRESENT Commissioner Mark Crago, Chair, Commissioner Tyrel Hamilton, member, Shannon Fisher, Admin Assistant.

Others Present: Steve Riveland, Commissioner Elect; Kevin Ray, Road & Bridge; Stephanie Ray, Economic Development; Carol Arkell, DES; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Randy Smith, SCSO; Chip Kem, SCSO; Dana Weatherford, Weed Dept; Emily Schabacher, Stillwater County News.

PLEDGE Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLAIMS 106202 through 106313 in the amount of \$ 170,791.59. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES November 24, 2020. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Commissioner Crago announced that Stillwater County currently has 34 active COVID cases. Last week there were 22 active cases so the numbers are wavering back and forth. Commissioner Crago asked that people to be aware of their surroundings during the upcoming holiday and to stay safe. Commissioner Crago also asked that people attending the meetings to sign in on the sign-in sheet and when speaking to speak loudly and clearly for the purpose of minutes. Commissioner Crago also announced that per requests from local small businesses, the county is researching potential grant opportunities for COVID-19 stabilization grants. The Commission and the Economic Development Department are researching these opportunities. The Chamber of Commerce has formed a subcommittee for this purpose as well and will be working with the county to have information available after the first of the year.

CONSENT AGENDA **Road & Bridge**
A) Junk vehicle program GY 2021 grant invoice.

FILE **Treasurer**
A) Report for the month of December in the amount of \$61,073,171.15.

FWP
A) Proposed purchase of Yellowstone River islands for fishing access sites.

Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to consent to the consent agenda and file the file items. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion – Kevin Ray explained that the Junk Vehicle Program is a program with the State that allows the county to pick up junk vehicles that have been abandoned and take them in for recycling. This program pays the workers’ wages, time, and materials to accomplish this. Commissioner Hamilton added that the county will be receiving \$11,484.86 for the program. Kevin Ray went on to explain that these funds help to pay for the impound lot. Commissioner Crago explained that the FWP press release is for State acquired ground in the Reed Point area which will be sold to the FWP to create another fishing access in the Reed Point area. Commissioner Hamilton

explained that the property is a 45-acre island in the Twin Bridges area that is currently owned by the DOT. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS Columbus Fire & Rescue

A) CARE's Act reimbursement request in the amount of \$110,323.00 - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the CARE's Act reimbursement request for the Columbus Fire & Rescue. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton noted this reimbursement is for funding applied for from July 2, 2020 through August 31, 2020. Motion passed unanimously

Weed Department

A) FWP spray contract 2021-2022 biennium - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve FWP spray contract for the 2021-2022 biennium. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion – Dana Weatherford explained that contract is for \$5000.00 per year for a total of \$10,000.00 for the contract total for all the fishing accesses in the county. Motion passed unanimously.

B) 2020/21 Stillwater County Noxious Weed Management Plan - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Stillwater County Noxious Weed Management Plan. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion – Dana Weatherford explained that this is the Stillwater County Weed Plan. This plan allows the county to apply for funding and grants and has a two-year duration. Motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development

A) FCIP proposal for geotechnical investigation of site - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the FCIP proposal for geotechnical investigation of site. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago explained that Rawhide Engineering will bore specific locations where there will be buildings and parking lots to obtain soil samples for readings to determine future building specifications in regard to these findings. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Pay application for Arete Design Group and Dick Anderson for Facilities Capital Project - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the pay application for Arete Design Group and Dick Anderson for Facilities Capital Improvement Project. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that the fees for Arete Design are \$17,701.26 and \$3000.00 for Dick Anderson Construction Motion passed unanimously.

Solid Waste

A) Cliff Henderson lease (Absarokee Site) - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the Cliff Henderson lease for the Absarokee site. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion - Commissioner Hamilton stated that the amount for this lease is \$4675.00 for five years. Commissioner Crago added that this is for the Absarokee Dump location. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance

A) Budget Resolution 2020-44 for FY2020 final amendments - Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the budget Resolution 2020-44 final amendments. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago explained that this happens annually after the audit. This is for the reallocation of funds that may have been coded wrong or budget lines where the auditors have made adjustments. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – None heard.

With no further comments hear the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder